

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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The Judicial Resources Commission will hold its annual meeting pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-1205 to determine whether (1) a new judgeship is appropriate in any judicial district or a reduction in judgeships is appropriate in any judicial district, or (2) the judicial district boundaries or the number of judicial districts should be changed for the district or county courts. The Commission shall also examine current caseload statistics and make any appropriate recommendations for the more balanced use of existing judicial resources.

The Commission will discuss the report and recommendations of the Judicial Structure and Administration Task Force.

The Commission will also discuss the specific scenarios of moving the county court for Saunders County from the 5th Judicial District to the 2nd Judicial District and moving the county court for Colfax County from the 5th Judicial District to the 6th Judicial District as set out in the report of the Judicial Structure and Administration Task Force.

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., central time. The hearing will be held via video conferencing from the State Capitol Building, Room 1525, Lincoln, Nebraska, and will include participation from the Panhandle Research & Extension Center, Center, 4502 Ave. I, High Plains Room, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and from the State Office Building, Room 207, Second Floor, 1313 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Following the hearing, the commission will make a recommendation to the Legislature of its determination.

Commission members are:

Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack, Chairperson

Alan L. Brodbeck, O'Neill

Robert B. O'Neal, Papillion

Thomas F. Hoarty, Omaha

Jolanda J. Kuzma, Lincoln

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Patricia McQuillan, Greeley

D. Paul Hartnett, Bellevue

Any member of the public is entitled to attend the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission hearing in Room 1525 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and present, either orally or in writing, any pertinent information concerning the existence of a judicial vacancy. If anyone wishes to present written material at the hearing, a copy of such material should be furnished to the Chairperson at least one week prior to the hearing.

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